#### **Youth Advisory Commission**

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**Mission statement:** Youth representatives serving Belton by integrating ideas and interests through community participation.

**Goal:** To develop youth leaders committed to learning about local government and the roles they can have in it, making a difference in our community and the lives of youth, recognizing their voice and using it, and representing other youth in the City of Belton.

**Commitment:** We encourage all to apply recognizing the commitment required for each person to be an effective member of the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) and YAC Task Essential Associate Member (TEAM). Please be aware of the following requirements of membership on the YAC and TEAM:

- Reside in the boundaries of the Belton Independent School District
- Enrolled in grades 9-12, at time of application
- Attend at least one meeting per month
- Assist in community service opportunities throughout the year
- Attend other departmental board and commission meetings as assigned
- Attendance at One Community One Day (OCOD)
- Attend the YAC Adopt-A-Park clean-up days
- Accept mentoring from peers
- Organize and administer events/activities
- Make presentations to peers and civic clubs
- Attend the Youth Advisory Summit if selected, may require travel
- Keep parents/guardians informed of scheduled activities

For commission consideration (9 positions), applications must be submitted by Friday, August 14. Board members will be appointed at the Tuesday, August 25, City Council meeting. Standard application deadline will be Friday, September 4. An orientation meeting will be held on Monday, September 14. All applicants not appointed to commission positions will become a part of the TEAM. No potential member willing to commit the time will be denied.

Please submit application in person, by email, or by fax.

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Parks & Recreation Department
P.O. Box 120
Belton, Texas 76513

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Email: parksandrec@beltontexas.gov





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<b>STUDENT INFORMATION</b> (please print) First Name	Last Name	
Street Address	City	Zip
Mailing Address (if different from above)	City	Zip
Email Address	Cell phone	Home Phone
Birthdate	T-shirt size (based on adult size only)	
School Attending	Grade (as of August 2015)	
Extracurricular activities, including sports		
What community service activities have you been in	nvolved in recently?	
What qualities, skills, strengths, and resources wou and/or TEAM?	ld you bring to the Youth Advise	ory Commission
What areas of interest would you like the group to	work on?	
What would you hope to accomplish by your member TEAM?	pership in the Belton Youth Adv	isory Commission and

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<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION</b> (ple Regardless of applicants age, parent/gua First Name		full.
Street Address	City	Zip
Mailing Address (if different from above)	City	Zip
Email Address	Cell phone	Home Phone
My son/daughter,	quired, the information listed below Belton, its employees, officers, cha ng, those acting with its authority	will be supplied to an aperones, agents, and
	Signature of Parent/Guardian	
Insurance information		
Family Doctor	Office Phone	
Prescribed medication(s)		
Allergies or known health issues		
Emergency Contact (if different from above		
Cell Phone		

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## AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE Transportation and/or purpose of travel Medical treatment

The Belton Youth Advisory Commission and TEAM conducts public meetings and provides community service. Due to the nature of the activities the students may receive media coverage or be featured on the city website or social media platforms.

For the purpose of transportation and travel, I hereby waive any claims I may have against the City of Belton, its employees, officers, chaperones, agents, and servants, those for whom it is acting, those acting with its authority and permission, or in conjunction and cooperation with it, for any injury that the applicant may suffer while traveling with or under the care of the above. In the event that medical treatment is required, medical information supplied in packet will be shared with attending medical personnel.

By signing this form both the applicant and parent/guardian acknowledges that this authorization and release is binding upon my representatives, heirs, and assigns.

Additionally by signing this agreement, both the applicant and parent/guardian acknowledge the rules for behavior at YAC events, activities, summit, and other community service obligations, as stipulated in the bylaws and itineraries. Is is understood that, in the event of a serious behavior problem, the YAC or TEAM member's parent/guardian may be notified to pick up child from any commitment and/or location of activity, including the annual YAC Summit, at their own expense.

I hereby consent that I have read the above authorization and release, and that I am fully familiar with its contents.

Date	Youth printed name
Youth Signature	
If applicant is under 18 years of age	, the parent/guardian must also give consent.
	/guardian ofe above and foregoing on behalf of him/her.
Date	Parent/Guardian printed name
Parent/Guardian Signature	

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**Applications due for Commission consideration** 

Monthly meeting

#### PROPOSED CALENDAR 2015-16 (Dates are subject to change)

August 14

March 28

YAC and Chair appointed by Mayor at City Council meeting August 25 Standard application deadline September 4 September 14 **YAC Orientation** October 5 Monthly meeting November 9 Monthly meeting Christmas on the Chisholm Trail December 5 December 14 Monthly meeting \*December TBD Library's Polar Express at the Harris Community Center January 11 Monthly meeting February 8 Monthly meeting YAC Conference - Pearland, Texas February 20 - 21

# April 2 One Community One Day April 9 One Community One Day – Rain Out Day

April 11 Monthly meeting
May 9 Final Monthly meeting

Other volunteer opportunities may arise and will be emailed to the YAC.

Dates of monthly boards/commissions meetings will be given out at each monthly meeting for reference.

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates an event that you may signup to volunteer for more community service hours, but is not mandatory for membership into YAC.